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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY JAPANESE FISHERY

AGENCY OFFICIALS

1. FOLLOWING PROVIDED FOR DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTEREST-
ED AGENCIES' INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.

2. DURING COURSE OF MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON SAFETY
OF FISHING VESSELS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTA-
TIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) AT IMCO HQS LONDON, MARCH 10-14,
MR. K. KASAI (FISHING BOAT INSPECTOR, FISHERY AGENCY) OF
JAPANESE DELEGATION GAVE USDEL MR. W. A. CLEARY (USCG)
LETTER SIGNED BY MR. T. SHIBATA, HEAD OF FISHING BOAT
DIVISION, FISHERY AGENCY, TOKYO, NOTING THAT JAPANESE
WISH TO SEND GROUP TO US FOR 3 OR 4 DAYS IN JUNE TO EX-
CHANGE VIEWS ON SAFETY OF FISHING VESSELS. TEXT OF LETTER
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: DEAR SIRs;

IT IS THE HONOUR FOR US TO INFORM YOU THAT OUR FISH-
ERY AGENCY OF JAPAN HAS A PLAN TO SEND A OBSERVATION GROUP
TO YOUR COUNTRY FOR ABOUT THREE OR FOUR DAYS IN COMING
JUNE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS GROUP IS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON
THE SAFETY OF FISHING VESSELS, IN RELATION TO THE INTER-
NATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF FISHING VESSELS,
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1976 BY IMCO, WITH OFFICIAL WHO ARE IN CHARGE OF THE BUSI-

NESS CONCERNED. ADDITIONALLY, THE GROUP HAS AN INTENTION TO OBSERVE FISHING VESSELS AT SOME FISHING PORTS AS WELL AS SHIPBUILDERS.

THE MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP ARE OUR AGENCY'S OFFICIALS AND SOME PERSONS SELECTED BY THE FISHING BOAT ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN.

THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK A KIND FAVOUR OF YOU TO INFORM US THE NAMES OF THE PLACES SUITABLE FOR VISITING AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCES.

IF THE SCHEDULE AND MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE SETTLED WE WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW THEM IMMEDIATELY.

THANKING IN ADVANCE, UNQUOTE.

3. MR. CLEARY SAID HE WILL BRING JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO ATTENTION OF ADMIRAL BENKERT (USCG) WHO WILL BE IN LONDON FOR IMCO MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 17.

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